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ROCKET RANGER
CAPTURED!
ROCKET RANGER HAS GONE TO BERLIN, THE HEART OF NAZI GERMANY, TO RESCUE THE AMERICAN PROFESSOR, OTTO BARNSTORFF, AND HIS DAUGHTER, JANE, HAVING FOUND JANE SAFE AND UNHURT, THE TWO MAKE THEIR WAY TO RESCUE THE PROFESSOR.
HAVE TO AIM CAREFULLY. I DON'T WANT TO HIT THE PROFESSOR OR HIS FRIEND.
CAREFUL!
OKAY, YOU NAZI P—
UGGHNNN!
TUP!
OHHH!

AND
HE'S AWAKE!
WHAT HAPPENED?

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, YOUNG MAN?

GOT A TERRIBLE HEADACHE, BUT I'M FINE. WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?

THEY TOOK YOUR EQUIPMENT TO ANOTHER ROOM TO EXAMINE IT. IT IS AMAZING. WHERE—
IT'S A LONG STORY, PROFESSOR. LATER.

RIGHT NOW, WE HAVE TO GET OUT OF HERE.

WHY IS JANE LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT? DOES SHE RECO—
HAVE WE MET SOMEWHERE BEFORE?

I BET YOU SAY THAT TO *ALL* THE GUYS WHO TRY TO SAVE YOU.

WE WENT TO SCHOOL TOGETHER AS KIDS.

I REMEMBER NOW! YOU'RE—

SO, THE HERO AVAKENS! THE FAMED ROCKET RANGER.
HA!

YOU AMERICANS ARE ALL ALIKE! BRAVE TALK, AND NOTZING MORE.

YOU HAVE ZOME STRANGE VEAPONS. TELL ME ABOUT THEM.
NOT ON YOUR LIFE, YOU STINKING RATZI!

TROC!
AMERICAN SWINE! YOU CANNOT STAND UP TO ZEE STRENGTH OF NATIONAL ZOCIALISM. OUR TROOPS HAVE JUST TAKEN ETHIOPIA.
VERY ZOON THE ENTIRE AFRICAN CONTINENT VILL BE OURS. AND THEN— THE VORLD!
NOW, VILL YOU TALK, OR DO I NEED TO FURTHER CONVINCE YOU?
I'LL TALK, I'LL TALK. JUST DON'T HURT ANYBODY.
I KNEW YOU'D EVENTUALLY ZEE THINGS MY VAY.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS STEPPED UP SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH. THE EQUIPMENT I HAVE IS ALL PROTOTYPE.
VHERE VAS IT MADE?
IN MISSISSIPPI. THERE'S AN ASSEMBLY LINE GOING NOW. WHY?
YOU HAVE BEEN VERY HELPFUL! I MUST TELL THE FÜHRER.
ROCKET RANGER. HOW COULD YOU TELL HIM AMERICAN SECRETS SO...EASILY?

EASY, PROFESSOR. I LIED. THERE'S NO PLANT. I HAD TO GET HIM OUT OF HERE SO I COULD GET US FREE.
THERE. AND THE NAME IS TOM CORY. DID YOU SEE WHAT THEY DID WITH MY ROCKET PACK?
THEY TOOK IT FROM YOU FIRST THING.
WE'VE GOT TO MOVE FAST AND GET OUT OF HERE.
AND BACK IN FORT DIX, NEW JERSY, "WILD" BILL DONOVAN, HEAD OF THE OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES, SPEAKS TO ONE OF THEIR SECRET AGENTS.
—THING NEW TO REPORT. THINGS HAVE PRETTY MUCH SETTLED DOWN HERE. I'D LIKE A TRANSFER.
THEY'RE ROUNDING UP THE WOMEN HERE. I DON'T KNOW WHY, BUT I'D LIKE TO GET OUT OF HERE.

OKAY, AGENT X-1, GATHER YOUR THINGS AND HEAD TO MOSCOW. SEE WHAT YOU CAN DIG UP THERE. I'LL PASS THIS INFORMATION ON TO ROCKET RANGER.
AND X-1...

...BE CAREFUL.
WILL DO. AGENT X-1 OUT.

BACK IN GERMANY.
COULD HE REALLY BE TOM CORY? IT'S BEEN SO LONG...
I FEEL TIRED, BUT—
GET READY TO MOVE. HOW DO YOU FEEL?

VELL, VELL. THIS IS A PLEASANT SURPRISE. AN ATTEMPTED ESCAPE.

I HAVE ORDERS FROM COLONEL LEERMEISTER HIMSELF, TO SHOOT ALL ESCAPEES!

ROCKET RANGER
ESCAPE!
ON LEARNING THAT COLONEL LEERMEISTER KILLED ONE OF THEIR SECRET AGENTS, ROCKET RANGER FLEW STRAIGHT TO BERLIN, GERMANY, TO RESCUE PROFESSOR BARNSTORFF AND HIS DAUGHTER JANE. BEFORE HE COULD FREE THEM, HE WAS CAPTURED. BUT, WHILE TRYING TO MAKE GOOD HIS ESCAPE...
IF YOU'D LIKE TO TRY TO RUN, I'LL MAKE IT... FUN FOR YOU.
HANG ON PROFESSOR.
UH-OH. WATCH OUT!
VAS!?!
RAT-TAT
SURPRISE, FRITZ!

YOU WERE RIGHT ABOUT ONE THING. THIS *IS* A BREAK OUT...
BUT YOU'RE STOPPING US.
THUD!
UH-OH!

NO YOU DON'T!
UUGGHHNN!
QUICK, GET SOME ROPE AND WE'LL TIE HIM UP.
GOOD NIGHT, FRITZ.
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, PROFESSOR?
CHOP!
UNGHHH!
I'LL BE FINE. JUST SOME BRUISES.
YOU STAY HERE. I'VE GOT TO FIND MY ROCKET PACK. THEN WE'LL GET OUT OF HERE IN STYLE.

WAIT... LET ME GO WITH YOU. I'VE BEEN HERE FOR SOME TIME, AND I CAN SHOW YOU AROUND.

IT MIGHT BE DANGEROUS.

WELL... OKAY.

IF WE'RE NOT BACK SOON, THE TWO OF YOU TRY TO MAKE YOUR WAY OUT. THE DIRECTIONS I GAVE YOU SHOULD TAKE YOU TO SOME FRIENDLY PARTISANS WHO WILL HELP YOU GET BACK TO AMERICA.

AFTER A TIME OF SEARCHING AND DODGING NAZI GUARDS, TOM CORY SPOTS HIS MISSING EQUIPMENT.
THERE IT IS! IN THERE.

UNGUARDED, THANK GOODNESS!

I WAS AFRAID THAT GOON LEERMEISTER HAD DISAPPEARED WITH ALL OF THIS STUFF.

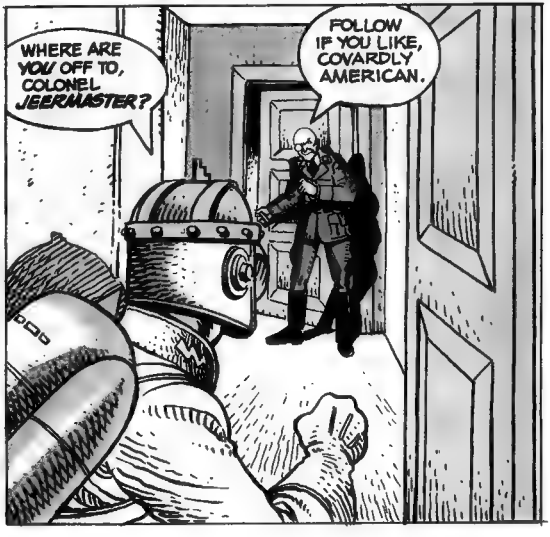
HALT!
UH-OH.

QUICK, JOIN YOUR FATHER AND HELP THEM GET OUT. I'LL HANDLE THESE GOOSE-STEPPERS.

HOPE YOU HAVEN'T JUST EATEN, FRITZ.
OOOFFF!

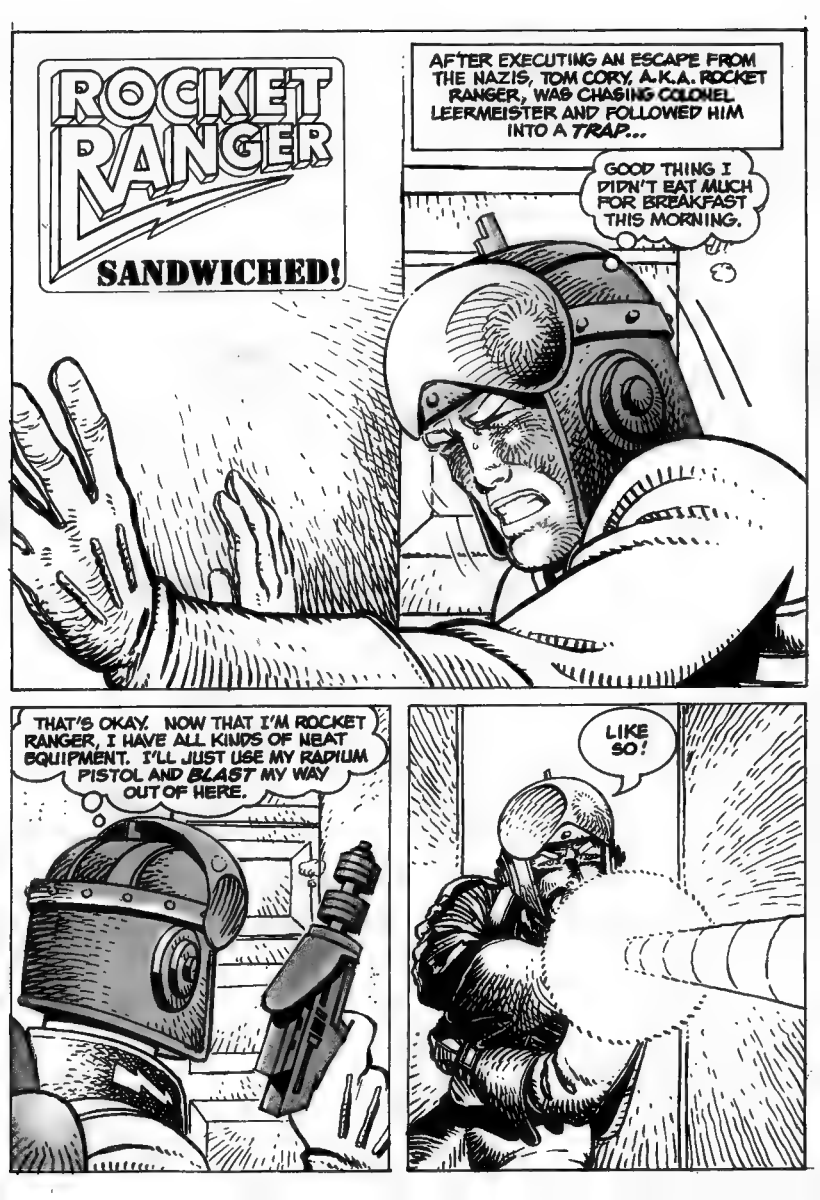
WELL, WELL. THE TOP KRAUT DIDN'T RUN AFTER ALL.
SWINE!

HOW'S YOUR HEARING, FRITZ?

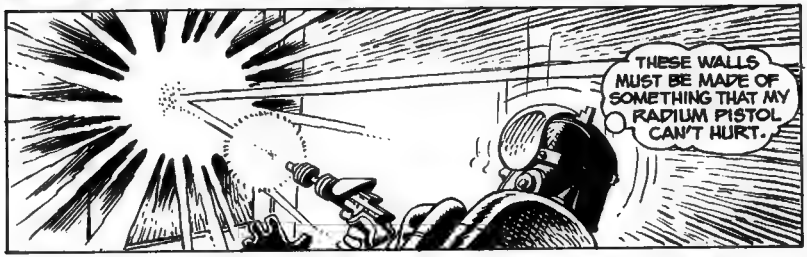

WHERE ARE YOU OFF TO, COLONEL JEERMASTER?
FOLLOW IF YOU LIKE, COWARDLY AMERICAN.

READY OR NOT, HERE I...
SLAM!
...COME...?
HUH?
SLAM!
HAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHA
HEY! WHAT'S GOING ON HERE? WHAT KIND OF GAME ARE YOU TRYING TO PLAY?
WHAT'S THAT SOUND?
UH-OH.
RRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRR!!

YOU'VE GOTTA BE KIDDING...!


ROCKET RANGER
SANDWICHED!
AFTER EXECUTING AN ESCAPE FROM THE NAZIS, TOM CORY, A.K.A. ROCKET RANGER, WAS CHASING COLONEL LEERMEISTER AND FOLLOWED HIM INTO A TRAP...
GOOD THING I DIDN'T EAT MUCH FOR BREAKFAST THIS MORNING.
THAT'S OKAY. NOW THAT I'M ROCKET RANGER, I HAVE ALL KINDS OF NEAT EQUIPMENT. I'LL JUST USE MY RADIUM PISTOL AND BLAST MY WAY OUT OF HERE.
LIKE SO!

HOLEE—!


THESE WALLS MUST BE MADE OF SOMETHING THAT MY RADIUM PISTOL CAN'T HURT.

OKAY, I'LL KEEP MY HEAD. THERE'S GOT TO BE A WAY OUT OF HERE.

HMMM. IT'S WORTH A *SHOT.*

HERE GOES *NOTHIN'!*

WHEW! ANOTHER SECOND LONGER AND THEY'D BE CALLING ME PANCAKE MAN.
RUM
I'VE GOT TO GET BACK TO JANE ...AND THE PROFESSOR TOO!
THERE THEY ARE. UH-OH. LOOKS LIKE SOME RATZI HAS HIS SIGHTS ON THE BARNSTORFFS.

AHHH!
ZZZAPP!
WE'VE GOT TO HURRY. I'M GOING TO HELP.
I WANTED TO GRAB JANE, BUT THIS GUY IS IN BAD SHAPE. IT REALLY LOOKS LIKE THEY SCRAMBLED HIS BRAIN.
KEEP GOING. I'LL BE RIGHT BACK.

AND SOON.
HERE WE ARE, SIR. THERE SHOULD BE SOME FRIENDLY VILLAGERS AROUND HERE.
HOLD IT THERE. WHO ARE YOU?
WE'RE AMERICANS! I'M ROCKET RANGER. I'M RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF TRYING TO RESCUE PROFESSOR BARNSTORFF AND HIS DAUGHTER.
BUT...
NO, DAD. YOU GO. YOU'RE MORE IMPORTANT TO—
VOWWW!
HANG ON! WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO ARGUE. THOSE NAZIS ARE HOT ON YOUR TRAIL.
I'LL CARRY BOTH OF YOU.

IF I HADN'T PUT MY FOOT DOWN, THEY'D *STILL* BE ARGUING.
THIS IS KILLING MY ARMS. WISH WE'D HURRY UP AND GET THERE.
BUT I DARE NOT FLY ANY FASTER—IT MIGHT SUCK THE AIR OUT OF THEIR LUNGS.
I CAN SEE IT NOW: "ROCKET RANGER KILLS PROFESSOR DURING RESCUE!"
WELL, THIS IS THE *END* OF THE LINE.
I'D LOVE TO STAY AND CHAT, BUT I REALLY MUST BE GOING.
WHERE?

I'M GOING TO CHECK OUT A REPORT OF A RADAR INSTALLATION IN CHINA, THEN I'M OFF TO PERU TO SEE ABOUT THESE LUNARIUM SHIPMENTS.
YOU JUST STICK WITH THESE GUYS AND THEY'LL GET YOU BACK TO THE STATES. PROFESSOR, DO YOU THINK YOU COULD CONTACT BILL DONOVAN OF THE OSS WHEN YOU GET BACK? MAYBE THE TWO OF YOU CAN COME UP WITH SOME IDEAS OF HOW TO BEAT THE NAZIS.
SURE. AND SON... THANK YOU.
JUST DOING MY DUTY. SEE YOU AROUND!
BE CAREFUL!
THERE'S THE GREAT WALL...I'M JUST ABOUT THERE.
HUH!?!

SO MUCH FOR THE ELEMENT OF *SURPRISE*...

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